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1. The Aurora Leather Factory at Stalin (Brasov) was established by the Ministry of Light Industry through the merger of the following enterprises: Scherg Factories (leather and soles), Miess Factories (leather and transmission-belts), Schland Factory (shoes), transmission-belts factory at Halchiu, Ghimbach lining leather factory at Weidenbach, and a factory for children's shoes. The machinery of all the above factories, except for the Miess Factory, was transferred to 64 Strada Avram Iancu, Stalin (Brasov). The Miess Factory remained at its old premises at 44 Strada Carpatilor, Stalin (Brasov), where the administration of the Aurora group, with 60 or 70 employees, is also located. The Aurora factory has a reserve power station in the Scherg Factory.
2. The Miess Factory has the following equipment: six Triumph tanning vats with capacities of 105,000 to 120,000 kgs. of skins, six electrical clipping machines of German and Austrian manufacture, three electric rolling machines.
3. The Scherg Children's Shoe Factory, which employs 300 workers, has two electric sewing machines, four electric stamping machines, and three electric trimming machines for heels and soles. This machinery is all 70 percent worn. Three new machines were obtained from the USSR, but these were of such low quality that they were unserviceable. One of the stamping machines could not even be assembled.
4. Freight cars, each containing between 3,500 and 4,000 kgs. of first-class soles, are sent to the Prima Banateana factory at Timisoara for the production of shoes for export, probably for the USSR.
5. Raw hides and skins for the factory come partly from domestic production,

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partly from [ ] Leather for children's shoes comes from factories at Sibiu, Oradea and Timisoara. The production of children's shoes, up to size 28, is approximately 1,000 pairs monthly. 50X1-HUM

6. Some families are believed to have been deported from Stalin (Brasov) to villages in the Miercurea Ciuc, Odorhei and Reghin districts.

7. The following personalities are known:

a. Gheorghe Racheru, Administrative General Manager of the Aurora Factories. [ ]

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b. Alexandru Haim, Technical Director. [ ]

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c. Dr. Alexandru Halasz, Chief Accountant. [ ]

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